Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The American Legion baseball program was founded on the belief of athletic competition teaching courage and respect for others, fostering their growth into active citizens was established in 1925 at Milbank, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Dave Ploof coached the Rapid City American Legion 22 Baseball from 1965 to 2011 with a compiled record of 2,483 win to 808 losses, making him the winningest coach in the history of American Legion baseball; and,

Whereas, Dave Ploof lead his team to 34 state titles, 8 World Series appearances, and in 1993 with a record of 70 – 5 won the national title; and,

Whereas, From 1970 to 1987, Post 22 won 18 state titles in a row -- a national record; and,

Whereas, He passed away at the age of 80 on May 28, 2017 with his loving wife Patty at his side; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding member of the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2017 as

DAVE PLOOF DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-First Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State